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In re application of:

GNANASIVAM et al.

Group Art: Unit: 2181

Serial No.: 09/518,551

Examiner: King, Justin

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
IMPLEMENTING RAID DEVICES IN A
CLUSTER COMPUTER SYSTEM

RESPONSE

Atty Docket No: A-66977/RMA/KRG

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2002, Applicants submit the
following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed August 7, 2002, the Examiner indicated that claims
1-23 were rejected.

Specifically, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-14, 16-17, and
19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102(a) and (b) as being anticipated by the submitted
prior art Microsoft(R) document, the "Concept and Planning: Microsoft(R) 'Wolfpack'



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